



Iowa Department of Human Services

INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO. 1973-MC-FFS

DATE: December 10, 2018

TO: Iowa Medicaid Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNF) and Intermediate Care Facilities for the Intellectually Disabled (ICF/ID)

APPLIES TO: Managed Care (MC), Fee-for-Service (FFS)

FROM: Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS), Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

RE: Special Population Nursing Facilities

EFFECTIVE: July 1, 2018

On November 8, 2018, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approved State Plan Amendment (SPA) 18-001. The approval of the SPA is effective July 1, 2018.

The SPA increased the maximum age for a special population nursing facility from 21 to age 30. The definition of a special population nursing facility criteria was also expanded to include persons residing in an Intermediate Care Facility for Medical Complexity (ICF/MC). ICF/MC is defined as an intermediate care facility for persons with an intellectual disability which provides health and rehabilitation services to individuals who require a skilled nursing level of care, have either a multiple organ dysfunction or severe single organ dysfunction, and requires daily use of medical resources or technology.

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